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COMES NOW Petitioner, Christopher Williams, by his attorney, Rebecca Kurz, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Western District of Missouri, and moves this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, 18 U.S.C.§ 3006A(d)(6) and Sup. Ct. R. 39.1 and .2, for leave to file a petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit without prepayment of docket or other fees, and to proceed <u>In Forma Pauperis</u>. The petition accompanies this motion.

United States Magistrate Judge Robert E. Larsen appointed the Federal Public Defender Office to represent Mr. Williams pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act on August 11, 2017. Mr. Williams was indicted in the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri, on July 19, 2017, for felon in possession of a firearm. Following Mr. Williams' guilty plea, he appealed his sentence of 190 months of imprisonment, followed by 5 years of supervised release. On appeal the Federal Defender continued to represent Mr. Williams without payment of fees or costs or

security and without filing the affidavit required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), all pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6).

Because both the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit permitted Mr. Williams to proceed <u>In Forma Pauperis</u> and appointed counsel for him, no affidavit in support of this Motion to Proceed <u>In Forma Pauperis</u> in this Court is required. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6) and Sup. Ct. R. 39.1.

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